

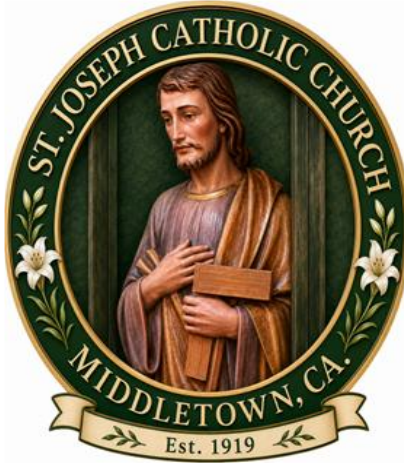
St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission, Loch Lomond

21396 Hwy 175, Middletown

August 2, 2026

707 987-3676



Pastoral Staff

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza - Pastor
Sandy Hood - Office Manager

Pam Quiroz - Rel Ed Director
Debbie Heidary-Newsletter/Website

Schedule of Services:

Reconciliation

Friday 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. English
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Spanish
or by Appointment

Baptisms

Preparation for parents required: See
Pastor after Mass

Marriages

By appointment at least six months in
advance

Anointing of the Sick

For those who are elderly, seriously ill,
or scheduled for surgery, please call the
parish office.

Office 707 987-3676

Parish Office Hours:

Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

P.O. Box 1350

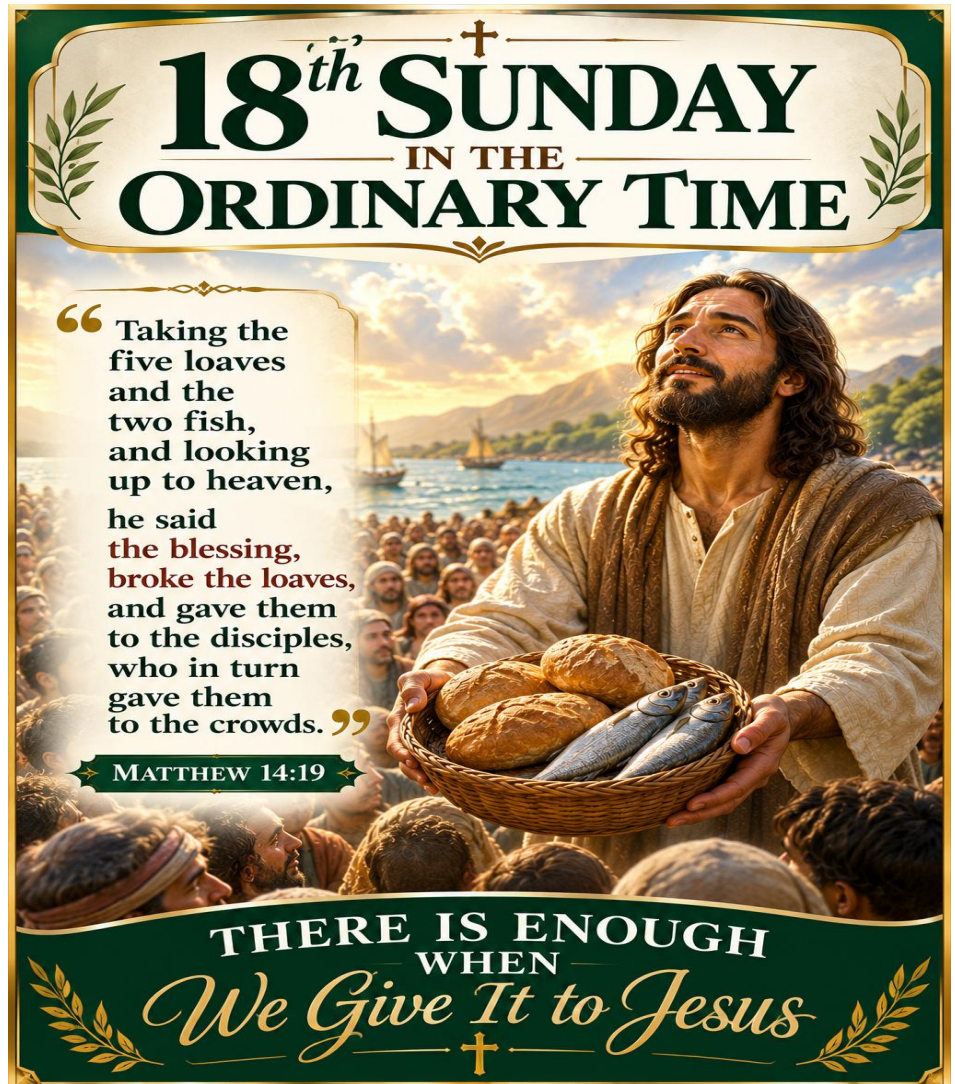
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Mass 5:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Lake Mission – 12836 Hwy 175, Loch Lomond

Sunday Masses

St. Joseph Church - Middletown 9:30 a.m. (English)

Our Lady of the Pines - Whispering Pines, Forest Lake Rd 11:30 a.m. (English)

St. Joseph Church - Middletown 4:00 p.m. (Spanish)

St. Joseph Church Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday through Friday 8:30 a.m. (English)

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Every Friday)

Friday 6:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

7:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Every Friday)

18th Sunday in the Ordinary Time

Excerpt from the Spiritual Reflection by Pope Francis, Angelus Message, August 2, 2020

The Compassion and Tenderness of Jesus Reflects Our Responsibility to Serve Others

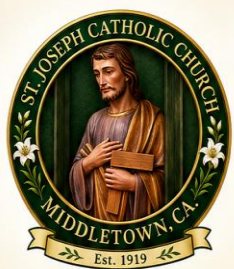
As soon as one of the Twelve says, realistically, “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” Jesus answers, “Bring them here to me” (vv. 17-18). He takes the food in His hands, raises His eyes heavenward, recites the blessing and begins to break it and give the pieces to the disciples to hand out. And those loaves and fish did not run out; there was enough, and plenty left over for thousands of people.

With this gesture, Jesus demonstrates His power; not in a spectacular way but as a sign of charity, of God the Father’s generosity toward His weary and needy children. He is immersed in the life of His people, He understands their fatigue and their limitations, but He does not allow anyone to be lost, or to lose out: He nourishes them with His word and provides food in plenty for sustenance.

In this Gospel passage we can perceive a reference to the Eucharist, especially in the description of the blessing, the breaking of the bread, delivery to the disciples, and distribution to the people (v. 19). It is noteworthy how close the link is between the Eucharistic bread, nourishment for eternal life, and daily bread, necessary for earthly life. Before offering Himself to the Father as the Bread of salvation, Jesus ensures there is food for those who follow Him and who, in order to be with Him, forgot to make provisions. At times the spiritual and the material are in opposition, but in reality spiritualism, like materialism, is alien to the Bible. It is not biblical language.

The compassion and tenderness that Jesus showed towards the crowds is not sentimentality, but rather the concrete manifestation of the love that cares for the people’s needs. And we are called to approach the Eucharistic table with these same attitudes of Jesus: compassion for the needs of others, this word that is repeated in the Gospel when Jesus sees a problem, an illness or these people without food... “He had compassion.” “He had compassion.” Compassion is not a purely material feeling; true compassion is *patire con* [to suffer with], to take others’ sorrows on ourselves. Perhaps it would do us good today to ask ourselves: Do I feel compassion when I read news about war, about hunger, about the pandemic? So many things... Do I feel compassion toward those people? Do I feel compassion toward the people who are near to me? Am I capable of suffering with them, or do I look the other way, or “they can fend for themselves”? Let us not forget this word “compassion,” which is trust in the provident love of the Father, and means courageous sharing.

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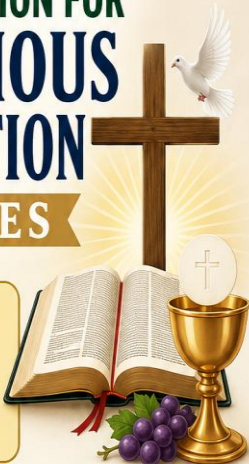


REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES



**Registration After
Sundays Masses @**

**After 9:30am & 4:00pm
at Saint Joseph Classroom**



REQUIREMENTS:



Children for **First Holy Communion** (children must be at least age 7 or second grade) and **Confirmation** (Children must be age 11-17 or in grade 6-12).



Please bring a copy of the child's **baptism Certificate**



If your child was baptized at St. Joseph, a copy may be requested from the parish Office.



SCHEDULE OF CLASSES:



Reconciliation on Wednesday, September 9 @ 4:30-5:45pm



First Holy Communion on Friday, September 11 @ 4:00-5:45pm

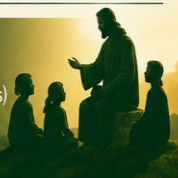


Confirmation on Sunday, September 13 @ 2:30-3:50pm



for Additional information please call

Pamela Quiroz (Religious Education Directress)
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Saturday, August 1, 5:00 p.m.

Bobby Hood+ Requested by Sandy Hood

Sunday, August 2, 9:30 a.m.

Ed Brune+ Requested by Tony & Mary Ann Arnold

Joe S(sp) Requested by Noele DaRosa

Sunday, August 2, 11:30 a.m.

Anita Williams(sp) Requested by Steve Williams

Sunday, August 2, 4:00 p.m.

Lourdes Borzoni+ Requested by Borzoni Family

Friday, August 7, 8:30 a.m.

Luther Williams+ Requested by Steve Williams

...beginning soon, mass intentions will be limited to one per mass.

Announcements continued...

*****Religious Education – please remember, Registration Fee is due at time of registration.**

*****Training for New Lectors, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Server is on August 22 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Church.**

*****The Lake County Passion Play invites you to An Evening under the Whispering Pines, a fundraiser event. Saturday, Sept 12, 2026 at Chateau Grenouille on Cobb. Enjoy a Smoked NY Strip Roast dinner, local wine, Auctions, music and dancing. Please contact Lisa Lambert at 707-245-7281 or lambert.lisa69@gmail.com for tickets and info. Pre-sale tickets only, \$80 each or table of 8 for \$600.**

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COLLECTION – July 25 & 26

Our Lady of the Lake 5:00 p.m. - \$780

St. Joseph 9:30 a.m. - \$1712

Our Lady of the Pines 11:30 a.m. - \$556

St. Joseph 4:00 p.m. - \$494

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